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Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight



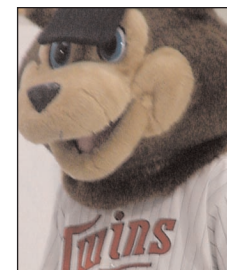
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Bush 'sick and tired' of Saddam's games, deceptions

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Jan. 14 he is "sick and tired of games and deceptions" on the part of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

The president said he has seen no evidence that Hussein is disarming as required by U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441. "Time is running out on Saddam Hussein," he added.

Bush noted the U.N. Security Council voted unanimously for the resolution. "We said we expect Saddam Hussein, for the sake of peace, to disarm," he said. "That's the question. Is Saddam Hussein disarming? He's been given 11 years to disarm."

The president's remarks came before a White House meeting with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski. The two discussed their countries' cooperation in the war on terrorism.

Bush said Poland and the United States are working together to share information about threats and to cut off the money supply to terrorist networks.

He also mentioned he is "absolutely convinced" the issue of North Korea's nuclear plans will be solved without military conflict. Bush said that before the North Korean government



White House photo by Paul Morse

President George W. Bush signs H.J. Resolution 114 authorizing the use of force against Iraq in October 2002. Secretary of State Colin Powell, center, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, right, also attended the signing.

announced its decision to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, he had asked Secretary of State Colin Powell to approach them with a "bold initiative" concerning energy and food aid.

"We care deeply about the suffering of the North Korean people," Bush said, adding the United States expects North Korea not to develop nuclear weapons.

If they choose to proceed with their nuclear aims, he said, "then I will consider whether or not we will start this bold initiative that I've talked to Secretary Powell about."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Back it on in

A spotter helps guide a truck into the mobility processing center Monday afternoon. The truck was loaded with baggage from personnel returning from Operation Northern Watch. Scenes such as this have been common at the center, operated by the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, since Operation Enduring Freedom started in October 2001.



Action Line 747-4522

The Action Line is your avenue for information about events and activities on and around the base.

For questions about current events or rumors, please leave a message.

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DWI-free days.

The base gets a down day for 100 DWI-free days.



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Base starts smallpox shots

By Senior Airman Monte Volk
Public Affairs

A half-dozen base members received the smallpox vaccine this week, because of concerns that terrorists or governments hostile to the United States may have the variola virus, which causes smallpox, and use it as a deadly biological warfare agent.

The vaccinator cadre and the base smallpox medical team, consisting of individuals giving the shots and the doctors or medics who will first contact anyone who might have the disease, were the first on base to receive the vaccine since the smallpox vaccination program was reintroduced Jan. 7.

The smallpox vaccination program will be done in three stages. Stage 1, consisting of members of the smallpox epidemiological response teams, the smallpox medical teams and vaccinator cadres; Stage 2, consisting of designated forces that constitute certain mission-critical capabilities; and Stage 3, others, depending on circumstances would be vaccinated, according to the Air Force smallpox vaccination implementation plan.

The “others” in Stage 3 are “deployers going to certain countries,” said Maj. Steven Tinc, 319th Public Health flight commander. “And they need to have orders in-hand before we’ll give them the vaccine.”

Prior to 1972, everyone in the United States received the smallpox vaccine, regardless of any medical conditions; however people now receiving the vaccine, will go through a medical screening

process and at a minimum, get an informational tri-fold about the contagious disease.

“Before people receive the vaccine, they are required to fill out a medical questionnaire to see if they can get the vaccine or if they exempt at this time,” said Tinc. “The smallpox vaccine is effective, but requires careful use to ensure the safety of those receiving the vaccine.”

Minor reactions are expected and usually occur about a week after vaccination including soreness and blistering at the vaccination site, malaise, swelling of lymph nodes, muscle aches, headache, chills, nausea, fatigue and fever, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

“It is expected that up to 30 percent of the people receiving the vaccine will have minor reactions that result in the loss of one or more duty days,” said Brig. Gen. Robert L. Smolen, director of nuclear and counter proliferation.

Although the smallpox vaccine is a live-virus vaccine, the actual smallpox disease cannot be contracted from the vaccine.

“We encourage the individuals to talk with their providers,” said Tinc. “We want to administer the vaccine safely and note any/all reactions to the vaccine. We haven’t talked about this or seen it for decades and we want to do it right.”

The vaccine will take three to five seconds to administer and requires three pokes for first-timers and 15 pokes for people who’ve received the vaccine before.

For details visit www.smallpox.army.mil.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Davis

Senior Airman Pete Cayouette, 319th Medical Group flight medicine, gives a smallpox shot to a base member Wednesday.

IDEA: Senior master sergeant's submission for coin approved

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

People making submissions to the 319th Air Refueling Wing manpower office's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness, or IDEA, program will receive a specially-designed coin in the future.

The coin idea, submitted by Senior Master Sgt. Donald Dufner, 319th ARW inspector general office, was recently approved by the program. An award amount is still being determined.

"My idea was that the manpower office purchases coins – I designed the coin – to give out as IDEA Program approval gifts," said Dufner, "plus it is a great way to advertise the IDEA program."

According to Dufner's submission, the IDEA program uses promotional items to encourage innovative ideas that could help people improve their jobs by saving money, manpower, and/or improve the way of life for all military people. Right now there is no set promotional gift for those individuals. It is left to the servicing manpower office IDEA analyst and manpower chief.

Dufner suggested IDEA program managers purchase IDEA coins and

give the IDEA coin to all submissions that are approved with the IDEA number engraved on them.

"The expected benefits are predominantly to spread the word and increase the enthusiasm about the IDEA program," Dufner said. "When people get an IDEA coin for submitting IDEAs that are approved, it will inspire new and innovative ideas and generate renewed interest in the program."

Coin front

The IDEA was approved for Grand Forks AFB and will begin this year, said 2nd Lt. Michael Marren, manpower office and base IDEA analyst. "The idea was also forwarded to Air Mobility Command and Air Force levels where it was approved optionally, giving each base the option of giving out these coins."

Dufner said this wasn't his first IDEA submission.

"I have submitted eight ideas in my career (receiving \$1,400 overall for those awards), but with the new Web-

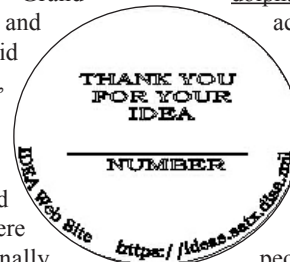


Senior Master Sgt.
Donald Dufner

based IDEA program, submitting an idea is very easy and the tracking of it is great," Dufner said. "Ideas are not forgotten about, because of the automatic follow-up notification built into the system."

Submitting an idea to the program is easy as sending an electronic mail, Marren said. Once someone comes up with an idea, they log onto <https://ideas.randolph.af.mil>. There they create an account, choose the option to submit an idea, type in their idea in detail, and then it starts the evaluation process. These ideas can earn them \$200 to \$10,000.

To find out more details, people can go to the base manpower Website, <http://w3/Units/319HQ/Manpower/index.htm>, click on the IDEA program and then "IDEA Unit POCs" to find the point of contact for their squadron. They can also call Marren at 747-3255.



Coin back

West Nile virus risk sparks blood shortage; military seeks to refill inventory

By Spc. Chuck Wagner, USA
Special to the American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Armed Services Blood Program Office has asked the military to withdraw all frozen blood supplies donated during last summer's West Nile virus epidemic to avoid transmitting the potentially fatal disease to recipients.

Meanwhile, blood collection centers and blood plasma manufacturers are scurrying to replace military stockpiles as a potential war looms in Iraq.

"There is some additional urgency" about the need to replenish supplies under the prospect of war, said Col. G. Michael Fitzpatrick, blood program office director.

The armed services have already replaced at-risk blood supplies within the European and Central commands, which would be front-line in a conflict with Iraq.

The withdrawal went into effect Dec. 13, after a statement by the American Association of Blood Banks. The American Red Cross, America's Blood Centers and the Armed Services Blood Program Office coordinated the withdrawal, which includes the Defense Department and civilian blood banks nationwide.

The ultimate goal is to replace all the frozen blood withdrawn from the current inventory. The release said the services will accelerate the production of frozen plasma products to replace withdrawn stocks and begin stockpiling frozen plasma for the summer.

"Most of the liquid red blood cells collected during the height of the West Nile virus epidemic have already been transfused," the release said. The blood program office estimates it will take until mid-March to replace the entire inventory. Blood banks were asked to quarantine, but not destroy, at-risk blood products. Meanwhile, blood banks are prioritizing their supply by sending out the safest stocks first.

Briefs

Commander's Call

The 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, Col. Keye Sabol, will hold commander's calls for all base personnel at 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Jan. 28. This is a mandatory formation for all personnel.

Wing Safety Day

The 319th Air Refueling Wing is holding a safety day Jan. 28 for units to focus on safety issues. Schedules and events are still being finalized. Call the safety office at 747-3364 for details. More information on safety day will be in the Jan. 24 edition of *The Leader*.

Clinic closure

Beginning on the first Wednesday in February (Feb. 5), the 319th Medical Group will open at 8:30 a.m. on each and every Wednesday. The change of operating hours is necessary to support the clinic's fitness program. The TRI-CARE appointing system will be available at

7:30 a.m. to schedule appointments. Call Master Sgt. Ron Rausch at 747-5331 for details.

Military separation, reenlistment

People who have a date of separation between now and August need to project their separation or re-enlistment.

To project separation, call Airman 1st Class Larry Plowman at 747-4884, or Tech. Sgt. Deron Warman at 747-4295.

Anyone planning on reenlisting should call Airman 1st Class Jerrod Blakeney at 747-4991.

There is a mass separation briefing on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. in the downstairs training room of the military personnel flight. Anyone planning on separating will need to attend the briefing.

Telephone user OPSEC

All telephone users should verify the

caller's identity before disclosing the called person's availability for duty.

Information such as temporary duty, leave, deployment or exercise information should be carefully guarded. Do not assume that because they give you a name and rank they have a need to know or are indeed that person.

Users should take phone messages while giving as little information as possible. This will ensure the safety of deployed personnel, their families, and the mission.

Bugle, horn players

The base honor guard is looking for individuals who have the ability to play the bugle or trumpet.

The honor guard would like to talk to anyone who possesses such skills and are willing to volunteer their time.

The honor guard's most important job is to render honors to our fallen military members. Call 747-3553 for details.

Personal e-mail at work

The use of commercial (.com) electronic mail accounts is not authorized on government computers. Also, it is a "dangerous" security practice and poor operations security should people discuss work-related events with e-mail friends via .com accounts.

The e-mails people send using a .com account are saved on commercial servers and thus, mission-related information could become available to those without a need-to-know. As a general note, www.gi-mail.af.mil is the only authorized personal "mail carrier" at work. Call 747-3347 or 747-3495 for details.

Air Force Reserve

Find out how the Air Force Reserve can make your transition into civilian life more profitable.

Stop by the military personnel flight, second floor, room 212C, or call Master Sgt. Helenka Sommers at 747-4339 for details.

Two new chiefs will be inducted Jan. 25

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

The ceremony honoring the base's newest members to the top Air Force enlisted rank of chief master sergeant is set for Jan. 25 in The Club.

According to Chief Master Sgt. Ray Crawford, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron, the chief induction ceremony's social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$14 for club members and \$16 for nonmembers. The dinner menu includes sirloin steak, chicken breast, roasted potatoes, vegetables and rolls. Dress for the event is mess dress or semi-formal.

The event will honor the base's newest inductees for the chief master sergeant rank, including current **Senior Master Sgts. Jon D. Saiers**, 319th Mission Support Group, and **Ron J. Galluci**, 319th Mission Support Squadron. They will add to the 10 chiefs already assigned to the



base. The biggest draw for the event, however, will be the featured guest speaker – former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Sam E. Parish, Crawford said.

Chief Parish retired June 30, 1986. He was advisor to Secretaries of the Air Force Verne Orr and Russell A. Rourke and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Charles A. Gabriel. Chief Parish advised them on matters concerning welfare, effective utilization and progress of the enlisted members of the Air Force.

He was the eighth chief master sergeant appointed to this ultimate noncommissioned officer position on Aug. 1, 1983.

Chief Parish is a life member of the

Air Force Association and also works with the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Association, Air University Board of Visitors, and is director of the Airmen Memorial Museum.

His major awards include the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

“This is an exceptional ceremony honoring those reaching the top 1 percent of the enlisted force. It’s also an enlightening experience to witness the level of integrity one devotes oneself to when becoming a chief master sergeant,” said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Turner, 319th Communications Squadron and base Chief’s Group vice president.

“With this event taking place at nearly every Air Force base around the world recognizing their chief selects, it’s certainly an honor having Chief Parish at Grand Forks Air Force Base,” Turner said. “We’re certainly looking forward to his visit.”

To sign up for the event, contact any base chief master sergeant or your unit commander support staff.

Don’t Drink and Drive! Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 740-CARE (2273) for a free, safe, and confidential ride home. Open to military members, Department of Defense civilians, and their families.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Let the sun shine in

The sun rises over the base Monday morning during temperatures that were below zero. Weather forecasts call for continued below zero temperatures this month. For details about the weather, call the 319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight at 747-4396.

Scholarship deadline approaches

The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children deadline is Feb. 21.

The 2003 essay topic is "How has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?"

"According to program administrators, the essay has been a key factor in deciding recipients," said Royden Hunnewell, commissary director. "Although the minimum grade point average to apply for these scholarships is 3.0, the grades of the applicants are so high that factors such as community involvement, activities and the essay become extremely important."

There are very few changes from last year.

"The essay topic is new and we have a two-page instruction sheet to make things easier for the applicants," said Hunnewell. "The application can also be filled out on a computer, then printed and mailed or delivered to the nearest commissary. It should be an improvement over handwritten applications for both the student and Scholarship Managers."

The scholarship program is open to dependent unmarried children (under age 23) of active

duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military and must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Eligibility

will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be U.S. citizens.

"I'm certainly pleased to assist in promoting this program as it serves the military community exclusively and is rapidly becoming one of the premiere scholarship programs worldwide," said Hunnewell. "We utilize the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs. They do everything relating to the process of deciding who is awarded a scholarship and it's a very painstaking process when you have more than 5,000 applicants."

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million in its first two years.

Source: Defense Commissary Agency

Where can you get applications?

Applications for the 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program can be downloaded at the Defense Commissary Agency Web site, <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Die Another Day (R)

Gustav Graves (Toby Stephens) is an evil mastermind holed up in a lair made entirely of ice and located, appropriately enough, in Iceland. Along with his henchman Zao (Rick Yune), Graves has developed an incredibly powerful weapon. Beginning in Korea, James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) travels around the globe looking for the megalomaniac, and while doing so, meets up with Jinx (Halle Berry) and Miranda Frost (Rosamund Pike).

Saturday, 3 p.m.

Treasure Planet (PG)

The classic Robert Louis Stevenson tale Treasure Island is transported to outer space in this Disney project, which finds a young man named Jim Hawkins searching for the hidden treasure of Captain Flint. Jim gets a group together and charts an intergalactic galleon. On board, he's befriended by a cyborg cook named Long John Silver and becomes friendly with the crew. But Silver turns out to be one of Flint's pirates, with mutiny on his mind, and Jim must thwart him in order to get the loot.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Analyze That (R)

Mob boss Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro) winds up in Sing Sing, and his loony behavior in prison has the FBI wondering whether it's all an act to get released early or whether the big guy has finally cracked. Dr. Ben Sobel (Billy Crystal), Vitti's trusted psychotherapist, is brought in. It turns out that Dr. Sobel could use a little couch time himself; he's dealing with his father's death and a serious identity crisis. His life becomes even more stressed when Vitti is released into his care, becoming his patient (again) and houseguest.

Jan. 24, 7 p.m.

Hot Chick (PG-13)

Jan. 25, 3 p.m.

Solaris (PG-13)

Jan. 25, 7 p.m.

Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights (PG-13)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults
For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday.

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m.

Sunflower Chapel

CCD: 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Twining

Elementary School, RCIA plus Confirmation

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

PROTESTANT:

Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Liturgical worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel

Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain's home 747-4359

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday, meet at bowling center

Religious Education: 9 a.m. Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

Men of the Chapel: noon Monday, Prairie Rose conference room

JEWISH:

For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

For details call Dr. Levitov 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

Drunk drivers can kill

By Airman 1st Class Jason A. Neal
43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. – The summer of ‘92 holds especially bittersweet memories for me. The summer was incredibly hot and humid. My friends and I had just graduated from high school and were very excited about the adventures we were going to soon be having in college.

Those adventures would never happen. Dreams were destroyed when a person decided to get behind the wheel after drinking. My three closest friends, Remy, Paul and David, and I were basking in the merry anticipation and enjoying having neither jobs nor immediate responsibilities. We had no cares and no hurries, just six weeks to spend happily on the lake swimming and skiing.

We were all heading to the University of Arkansas at the end of summer. We had all been accepted and were very excited at the prospect of being Razorbacks. Paul and David’s parents had already paid for their tuition while Remy and I both had full-ride scholarships. Paul and Remy were going to pursue degrees in chemical engineering.

David was interested in taking over his dad’s business, so he was majoring in business. I was looking forward to pursuing my degree in design. We were aglow with endless energy and optimism. It seemed that the world was ours and all was well.

David’s parents bought him a shiny new blue BMW M-5 sports sedan for graduation, and the four of us were going to drive to Hot Springs, Ark., to spend a few days at Oaklawn watching the horse races. We rented a cabin in Hot Springs National Park, packed and were frantically making the final arrangements to leave town.

David dropped me off at my house and we were all going to meet up later that evening and leave. I finished packing and played with my dog, Sadie, for a few hours in the backyard.

My parents, relatives and several friends of the family had a small celebratory dinner for me. We had a barbecue, and I got what seemed like a thousand hugs and congratulations, not to mention the entire gamut of graduation gifts. My family was proud of me and I was swelling with pride as well.

After dinner was over, it was time for me to meet the guys in town so we could leave for a weekend of horse races and hiking in the Ozarks. I got in my car and drove toward town. The trip from my parent’s house into town was about 20 minutes, and I was halfway there when two police cars passed me. It looked like they were traveling at 100 mph. I was driving 55 mph and they passed me like I was going backward. About a mile farther down the road an ambulance passed me, and then another ambulance followed closely by two fire trucks.

I didn’t give the parade of flashing lights a single thought. I was too contentedly looking forward to the races. I didn’t think about any-

thing but my buddies and our good times. A mile before the city limit marker, the traffic slowed to a crawl. Around the corner I could see all the lights from the police cars, fire trucks and the ambulances. As I slowly made my way toward the chaos on the road, I could see that an 18-wheeled log truck had slid across the road and turned over. A state trooper was directing one lane of traffic at a time through the logs scattered across the road. Some of the logs were smoking, evidence of a fire.

As I drove past the fire truck that blocked my view of the wreck, I saw that indeed there had been a fire. The white truck was completely gutted and had been charred black by the blaze.

I wouldn’t have noticed the remains of a burnt car that was partially crushed under the semi if the traffic hadn’t stopped. I watched as the coroner stood up from a crouched position and walked to his car. He had been blocking my view of what looked like three long pillows. They were bodies. They had been covered with white sheets and their ominous presence was impossible to ignore. I just stared and stared.

Then I noticed it. I noticed the chrome silver stripe, the blue stripe and the orange stripe next to the chrome M5. The badge was on the crushed blue trunk lid, thirty feet from the car, next to the road. I looked at it in total disbelief. I didn’t believe that it could be. I had almost rationalized that it must be another blue M5. I wouldn’t believe that it could be my friends, until I saw Remy’s backpack.

There was no denying it. The orange anodized aluminum external frame, the orange canvas pack and the Harley Davidson patch that I helped him sew on at his grandmother’s house the summer before. There was no wishing it away.

We never went to the racetrack. We never went hiking together again. Instead I went to three funerals. When I left for U of A, I left alone. The driver of the semi lived. He was ejected from his vehicle and spent a few weeks in the hospital. The driver of the semi was drunk. He was nearly three times over the legal limit.

Several years later I spoke to one of the paramedics who worked the accident. He said the semi driver probably would not have survived if he had not been so inebriated. I told him that if he had not been drunk, my friends would still be alive. Remy’s grandmother, both of David’s parents and Paul’s dad came and visited me when I graduated college. Paul’s mother wrote me a long letter.

I still talk to them from time to time, mostly about what Remy, Paul, David and I would be doing if things were different. And usually there is an uncomfortable silence when the melancholy and the memories get too heavy.

Paul’s dad always ends our conversations by telling me that he loves me like a son and that alcohol and automobiles don’t mix.

I always tell him that I know. I tell him that I know because I do know. And my heart will forever be heavy with the knowledge.

A dose of maturity

By Capt. Bill Foster
319th Air Refueling Wing manpower office

I've been the president of Airmen Against Drunk Driving since March 2002. I've been an active AADD member since arriving in April 2001. It is a program and an effort I believe in – reducing drunk driving.

When I arrived, we were rebounding from a horrible year in 2000 when the wing endured 19 driving under the influence violations. We brought the number down to 13 in 2001 with an aggressive publicity campaign and simply by looking out for each other as Team Grand Forks.

But last year started the negative downward spiral. We reached 13 DUIs by April and finished with an abysmal 26 DUIs. TWENTY SIX! That's 26 lives and careers severely altered by a lack of judgment.

To top it all off, we are starting 2003 off with a bang – the wrong kind of bang. Less than two weeks into the new year and we already have two DUIs.

Everyone can make excuses to why there's been a rash of DUIs (stress, deployments, operations tempo, personnel tempo, etc.). While those are all "reasonable" excuses to let off a little steam in a local bar or party, they don't excuse a DUI charge.

What it boils down to is maturity. Every DUI conviction comes down to one bad decision: the decision to get into a vehicle and attempt to drive while intoxicated. In doing so, people put themselves, their passengers and other drivers on the same road at risk of injury and possible death for their selfish, foolish decision. Yes, I did say selfish.

Why selfish? They weren't thinking of the impact of a DUI on everyone around them. They weren't thinking of the other sober drivers they were putting at risk. They weren't thinking of who would have to come bail them out of jail. They weren't thinking of their co-workers who will have to work around their schedule because they no longer have base driving privileges for the next year and no North Dakota privileges for

90 days (assuming first offense). They weren't thinking about their commander or first sergeant who now has to bring action against them and appear before the wing commander to discuss the situation.

There is a four-step process to put an end to all of this.

1. Practice sensible drinking or don't drink. You can have fun, but be moderate in the amount of alcohol you drink. If you watch what you drink, then you don't have a problem getting home.

2. Designate a driver. This is the easiest system if you plan on drinking a little too much. Most folks go to the bars or parties in groups. Pick someone ahead of time, and make sure they don't drink (They won't do you much good if they don't stay sober.).

With the large military population in Grand Forks, there are always members of Team Grand Forks in the local bars. Watch out for one another. Take someone home who shouldn't be driving.

3. If you fail steps 1 and 2, call your first sergeant, supervisor, or commander. They would much rather come get you than have to take punitive action against you. You can also call friends. They would also rather come get you then have to give you rides for a year (Remember, you lose your base driving privileges for a year).

4. As a last resort, call AADD (740-2273). As an active member, I don't mind making the runs to pick folks up. AADD is not a taxi service, so don't use it like it is. We are trying to reduce DUIs on this base, but we are not the first call you should make (see step 3).

Don't go out for the night expecting to use AADD – that shows your lack of maturity and lack of respect for the time, sleep and gas money of our volunteers. We respect your confidentiality – respect the volunteers.

The bottom line is think before you drink, and never drink and drive. There are too many folks who are willing to help, and we should all be looking out for every Team Grand Forks member.

Facts about 21- to 34-year-old drinkers

The National Commission Against Drunk Driving has held six public hearings and three national conferences focusing on 21 to 34 year olds. They determined this age group is vulnerable to the following.

1. Comprise approximately half of all the drunk drivers involved in alcohol-related fatal crashes.

2. Are responsible for more alcohol-related fatal crashes than any other age group.

3. Are more likely than any other age group to have been intoxicated at the time of the crash.

4. Have the highest blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) in fatal crashes.

5. Are about twice as likely as other drivers to have experienced a prior crash.

6. Are four times more likely to have had their licenses suspended or revoked; and

7. Are the most resistant to changing their drinking and driving behavior. Over the past 10 years, the number of underage drunk drivers has decreased by 40 percent.

In comparison, the number of 21- to 34-year-old drunk drivers has only decreased by 13 percent. *Source: NCADD*

What do you like best about the unit now?



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"The merger's been rather painless actually. It's certainly to be expected that it's a major change. Since coming out of technical school I've been taught about the way transportation works and how vehicle maintenance works. But all of a sudden, a month out of technical school, they change the structure and you have to rewrite the script basically. Giving it time, though, it will work out because we have a lot of professionals who want to see it work."

Airman 1st Class Gregory Gordon
319th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle management flight vehicle operator

"From what I've seen so far, there is a lot of equipment to work on which keeps you busy. You've got to be versatile – I know that. You work on a little bit of everything. The future looks good. I'd certainly like to spend more time here."

Larry Olderbak
319th LRS vehicle management flight special purpose mechanic

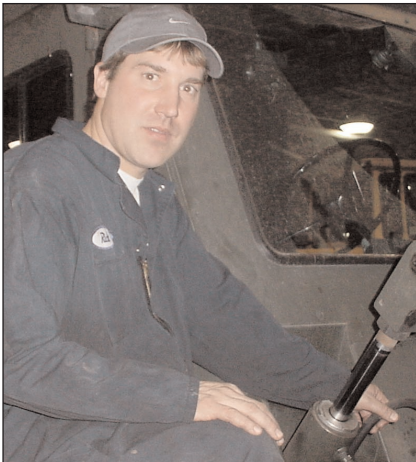


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"Before it was like the fuels flight was out on their own path, transportation was off on their own path, but now since we've all merged we all get along. The continuity and everything is much better now."

Master Sgt. Brian Caesar
319th LRS management and systems flight superintendent of procedures and accountability



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New squadron shows combining efforts is paying big dividends

By Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton
Public affairs

In the four months since the wing reorganization, the now second-largest squadron on base joined together vehicle management, traffic management, management and systems, fuels, distribution, and readiness into one logistical powerhouse. The result: the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Best example

Perhaps the readiness flight is the best example of the reason for the merger, said Capt. John Swanay, 319th LRS installation deployment officer. Before the reorganization, the flight had three different elements under three organizations, but all located in Building 526. They are now all united under one chain of command, he said.

"We've only been merged since October, but I've been very pleased with how well it's worked to this point," Swanay said. "Some flights, including mine, have people from three functional areas, some have people from two areas and some remained unchanged."

"There were some things about having separate transportation and supply squadrons that were inherently inefficient. Merging helps the Air Force take advantage of the efficiency that could be gained, not just from the combining two squadrons, but also from realigning the flights within the squadron."

Bigger and stronger

The squadron has emerged bigger and definitely stronger, even while experiencing growing pains. That perspective seems to be shared by everyone from the squadron's freshest airmen to its senior leadership.

"I think it's been a benefit with the two squadrons combining because we've been able to learn more about each other's jobs and what they do," said Airman Audrey Umhoeffer, 319th LRS cargo distribution flight aircraft parts store apprentice. "It's also enabled us to work together in response to making the mission more capable."

The cargo distribution flight, headed by 2nd Lt. Sherry Lehmuth and Senior Master Sgt. Michael James, have streamlined the on-base delivery process by having dedicated delivery personnel, due to the merger, to immediately deliver organizational requests.

"This alleviated the need to pull another person from daily tasks to deliver property," James said. "Becoming a combined squadron has allowed us to work closer together when dealing with movement of property, tracking of property and contingency and deployment support. When we're needed to support our aircraft anywhere in the world, we can have a mobility readiness spares package out of our door and ready to deploy within hours of initial notification."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol

Airmen in the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron readiness flight's war readiness element help returning deployers turn in their mobility gear during a redeployment effort Monday in the base mobility processing center.

"We have high-caliber individuals who are mission-focused."

Maintaining consistency

"The overall process has gone well so far," said Master Sgt. Brian Caesar, 319th LRS management/systems flight superintendent of procedures and accountability. "Basically, we have a lot more information to deal with, as far as our merger goes. So far, it's going pretty good, although there are some growing pains."

The combination of vehicle operations and maintenance hasn't caused any drastic changes, said Tech. Sgt. Allen Tesch, dispatch operations NCOIC.

"The change hasn't affected me hardly at all," Tesch said. "We combined with vehicle maintenance to become a bigger flight, the vehicle management flight. It's a good change, though, because we work so closely together."

The squadron's vehicle maintainers have consistently produced the best vehicle in-commission rates in Air Mobility Command. "The rates remain in the 95 percent range," said flight chief Clarence Volk.

Managing the wide spectrum of maintenance for the wing's fleet of vehicles and equipment is enough of a responsibility in the most ideal weather, but you must throw in the sub-zero temperatures, ferocious winter winds, ice, blizzards, and snowstorms to get the full picture of how great the accomplishment is.

"The difficulty of operating at a northern tier base in the winter time is probably our biggest challenge," Volk said. "It's especially tough when you have mornings when the temperature is below zero. You can also have a lot of repairs and problems on the runway when we have ice and snowstorms."

"Vehicle maintenance is a daunting challenge here in North Dakota, especially for our mobile maintainers who

often work on the spot and without shelter," said 1st Lt. Chad Carter of the 319th LRS vehicle management flight.

Volk explained the job requires maintenance on all kinds of vehicles, from changing oil on a bus, pickup truck or sedan, to retooling the wiring on a K-loader.

No traffic problems

Located on the other side of the base from vehicle maintainers with second-floor military personnel flight offices is the 319th LRS traffic management flight. TMF's 16-member staff, led by traffic management officer David Mohr and superintendent Master Sgt. James Pearce, makes sure base members and their property reach their destinations, whether it's for a temporary duty or household goods move, said Tech. Sgt. Brian Merrill, personal property NCOIC.

The process usually begins with transportation counseling provided when the member has orders. The best advice is to schedule TMF counseling sessions as soon as possible, so counselors can inform them on their entitlements and options.

"Don't wait until the last minute to make your household goods arrangements," said Senior Airman Shannie O'Neal, TMF counselor. "We have to work with commercial carriers, and we can't book somebody in two days. The same thing applies for arranging a flight for overseas."

Members do not have to wait for orders to start the process, Merrill said. "We like to see people no later than three weeks before they're scheduled to leave, but preferably a month out," he said.

Fill it up

Coming off one of its busiest years, when they issued more than 20 million gallons of fuel, the LRS fuels section is anticipating a considerably more hectic 2003. Air Mobility Command has warned that up to 65 percent in the flight could be deployed at one time, said superintendent Master Sgt. John Elkins. Fifty-eight percent deployed in 2002, mostly for four months or longer.

"Sixty-five percent is a worst-case scenario, but if that happens, we would go from about 75 people to 25 to 30," he said. "We would be on 12-hour shifts, if that happens."

Even now, when the fuels flight has almost 90 percent of its people available, the job of supporting the base's fuel quality one of the most critical responsibilities.

"The fuels laboratory has one of the most important jobs in the

entire wing," said Senior Airman Ryan Crossman, fuels apprentice. "The weather definitely affects our job responsibilities. During extreme temperature fluctuations, our fuel often experiences what we call 'apple jelly.' A gelatinous contaminate can be very hazardous to aircraft. "We believe apple jelly occurs as a result from the breakdown of some qualities of the jet fuel," Crossman said. "Fortunately, we go above and beyond the required measures to prevent apple jelly from going undetected and removed. As a result, we have never had any reported instance of contaminated fuel making it to an aircraft."

"If water-contaminated fuel is serviced to an aircraft, the consequences could be catastrophic. At high altitudes water will turn into ice. If our fuel has low amounts of icing inhibitor, the plane could crash as a result of engine failure. Since we take so many quality control measures to ensure 100 percent product integrity, be assured that only the best fuel is being provided to our customers on the ground and in the air."

"The biggest challenge about working in the fuels laboratory lie in ensuring that we do everything possible to provide on-specification fuel. On a daily basis, we sample a variety of fueling equipment for the presence of water, solids content and other crucial elements. This ensures only the highest-quality fuel for our aircraft."

Getting all on board

The 319th LRS is also crucial in getting people on the aircraft and making sure their mobility supply needs are met, said Staff Sgt. Jason Ramage, assistant NCOIC for the 319th LRS readiness flight war readiness element.

"Our work here hasn't changed much since we merged, but we are always busy," he said. "We have deployment departures and returns all the time and what we do is crucial to our deployers. Like anyone else in this unit, we're coming together doing the best we possibly can."

From the commander

"The Air Force designed the logistics readiness squadron to be the ultimate logistics organization. We provide crucial logistics support functions to the warfighter: logistical planning, supply/fuel management, and transportation support."

"Through the whole spectrum of a contingency; force deployment, bed-down, operations and redeployment, LRS professionals will always be key players in making it happen and we wouldn't want it any other way!"

Maj. Walter Moynihan
319th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander

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Airman Audrey Umhoeffer
319th LRS cargo distribution flight supply management apprentice



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

"Nothing has changed for me really. As far as my job goes, I like being in the warehouse. It's got a little more freedom than if you're in an office. I like the open space."

Airman Jessica Holcomb
319th LRS cargo distribution flight traffic management apprentice



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Senior Airman Ryan Crossman
319th LRS fuels management flight laboratory technician

"The change really hasn't affected what I do. We're still going above and beyond to ensure that only the highest quality fuel is available for our customers, whether that be heavy equipment at the military service station or to an aircraft. All the jet fuel that comes to this base, we sample for a number of quality control items. Again with the merger, it's always fun and exciting to meet and work with people in different career fields."

Community

Today

ICE FISHING, SKIING TRIPS: Outdoor recreation has upcoming ice-fishing trips scheduled for Saturday and Jan. 25. Cost is \$15 single, \$25 couple, \$35 family (3-4, \$10 each for extra family members). Departure for these dates will be from outdoor recreation; times will depend on location of trip. Join outdoor recreation every Saturday from now until the end of March on a ski trip. The next trips will be to Holiday Mountain Saturday; Frost Fire Jan. 25; and Buena Vista Feb. 1. Sign up at least one-day prior. Call 747-3688 to sign up, and/or for complete details.

THE CLUB: Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and dance to “Club Mix” music with “DJ “C.”

TEENSUPREME MEETING: Happens every Friday for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. in Liberty Square Teen Center. For details call the youth center 747-3150.

FRIDAYS AT LIBERTY SQUARE: Open skating at Liberty Square is tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is only \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental!

Saturday

KARAOKE: Come out to The Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. for karaoke.

YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING
Saturdays at Dakota Lanes for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 an hour and .75 for shoe rental. Need 10 to hold; must sign up at the youth center to attend.

Sunday

SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH: The Club is having the next Super Sunday Brunch today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy two meats, biscuits & gravy, eggs, fruit, waffles, omelets and more. The next Sunday Brunch will be Feb 2.

Monday

YMCA ART CONTEST: This ninth-annual art contest is in support of “Military Family Month” and sponsored by Armed Services YMCA. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade of military families can enter.

Thirteen savings bonds will be awarded. Entries must be turned in to the youth center by close of business today.

Call the youth center at 747-3150 for complete rules and regulations.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER: The skills development center will be closed today for Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday.

BOWLING CENTER: The bowling center will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday all day.

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Tuesday

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS SEMINAR: Thinking of starting your own business? This seminar, set for Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the family support center, discusses the business plan, financing, marketing, and records keeping. Call 747-6435 to sign up.

BOOK PRESENTATION: There will be a book presentation 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the library by Dr. Mitzi Brunsdale, chair of the Mayville State University English Department, will present the book “Killer Angels” by Michael Shaara. This book is on the Chief of Staff Reading list. Dr. Brunsdale was a personal friend of Michael Shaara. There will be cookies and coffee for refreshments. Call the library for details, 747-3046.

SLEDDING TRIP: Sign up at the youth center by close of business today for the Jan. 25 Turtle River sledding trip at Turtle River State Park. For ages 13 – 18, cost is \$3 and youth must bring their own sled. Trip departs from the youth center at 12:30 p.m. and will return at 3:30 p.m. A parent permission slip is required. Call 747-3150 for more information.

Wednesday

FINANCIAL REFRESHER: The family support center holds financial refresher training 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the FSC.

This training is required of all first-term airmen E-4 and below upon arrival at their second or subsequent duty stations.

Seminars are offered every other Wednesday. Call 747-6437 to sign up.

FAMILY READINESS/PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS: This seminar, held 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday for individuals and family members preparing for a temporary duty/remote assignment.

This is a pre-deployment briefing requirement. Offered every Wednesday except holidays. Call 747-3241 to sign up.

THE CLUB: Spouses of our deployed receive 20 percent off evening dinner tonight.

FRAMING CLASS: Join the skills development center 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 25 for a framing class. Cost is \$20 plus materials. Pre-payment and pre-registration is required. Call the skills development center, 747-3482.

Thursday

PLANNING FOR YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION: Don’t wait until your child graduates from high school. Topics for this seminar, held 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday in the family support center, will include 529 Plans, Coverdell Education Account, savings bonds, tax implications, the effect on student aid, Web resources and more.

Call 747-6437 to sign up.

Sports

Minnesota Twins Winter Caravan visits



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol.

Maj. Dave Koch, 319th Maintenance Squadron commander, gets an autographed card from the Twins mascot. The Twins people on the caravan, who included Tony Oliva, Corey Koskie, Michael Cuddyer, Josh Kimber, Jim Kanyusik, Mark Sheldon, Dave St. Peter, Andy Price and Bryan Donaldson, gave people throughout the base several hundred autographs. The group visited Twining Elementary and Middle School and walked through Buildings 101 and 607 during their hour-and-a-half visit to the base.



Michael Cuddyer, Minnesota Twins outfielder, and Dick Bremer, Twins official announcer, talk to students at Twining Elementary and Middle School Wednesday. Team members discussed the upcoming season, promoted the idea of working hard, and took questions from students.

Christine Lofgren, Twining staff member, poses for a photo with Twins player Corey Koskie.



Four Twining wrestlers pin down top awards at Walhalla

By Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton
Public affairs

More than 30 gymnastics ribbons keep Spiderman company on a mantle in Andrew Van Cleave's room. At one point, Andrew was ranked second in North Dakota and third in Montana in his class in gymnastics, but since he switched sports, he's been adding wrestling medals.

His most recent ribbon is a first-place medal from the North Border Junior Varsity Wrestling Meet in Walhalla Jan. 4. He was one of four Nathan Twining Middle School eighth-graders who took first place in their weight classes.

Andrew, the son of Tech. Sgt. Mel and Amy Tutt, won in the 80-pound division. Other Twining wrestlers who brought home first-place ribbons were Beau Saiers, son of Senior Master Sgt. Jon and Robin Saiers; Bryson Merrill, son of Tech. Sgt. Brian and Sandra Merrill; and Doug Bagnall, son of Tech. Sgt. Doug and Connie Bagnall.

About 15 teams competed in 16 weight classes from 80 pounds to heavyweight at the meet. The team wraps up its season with meets at Fargo, which includes teams from throughout the state and western Minnesota, and an optional season-ending tournament in Grand Forks.

Bryson won his first two 128-pound matches by pin in 28 seconds and at 1:15 of the second period, before winning the final match 10-7 with a half-nelson in the last five seconds.

"He beat me three times earlier in the year, and I finally beat him that Saturday," Bryson said. "I came after him more aggressively this time. I knew more what he would do, so I was able to counter him better than I did before."



Courtesy photo

Doug Bagnall (in black), puts the squeeze on an opponent during the Walhalla tournament. Bagnall was one of the first place winners.

The 28-second win was not the fastest Bryson has won a match – he pinned an opponent in 13 seconds at a South Middle School dual meet four days later. He has four first-place awards in the two years he's wrestled.

Wrestling isn't the only sport the boys compete in – Andrew has his gymnastics, and Beau and Bryson also play basketball and football. But wrestling offers something the other sports don't.

"I like wrestling because it's physical, and you're able to test both opponents' strengths," Bryson said. "There's really no way to cheat. Either you know what you're doing or you don't."

"It's one on one," Andrew said. "You're representing your team, but you're also out there by yourself. It's really a mental challenge."

As a parent, Merrill likes watching the effort his son puts into his sport, even more than watching him win. He's also proud to see the sportsmanship displayed by his son and his opponents, which are often his friends.

"I enjoy watching him compete because he's able to succeed

at it," Merrill said. "He likes being the best at what he does. It has nothing to do with winning and everything to do with competing at the highest level he can."

Beau Saiers, who suffered a broken arm in his first season, narrowly won his first match 9-7, but won his second match 9-2 and pinned his opponent in the first period in the first-place match.

Doug Bagham, who won all three of his matches by pin in the 148-pound division, began wrestling with his younger brother in the annual two-week "Taste of Wrestling" program offered by Twining coaches Jeff Welsh and Dan Juve. That was four years ago, and Doug plans to remain in the sport, perhaps even through high school and college. He won five matches in 2002, his first year on the Twining team, and has three first-place finishes this year.

"The reason he likes it is the same thing I don't like about wrestling," said Doug's mother Connie. "It's one on one, which is great if you win, but terrible when you lose."

AIR FORCE ACADEMY HOCKEY AT BEMIDJI STATE: Sign up by today for outdoor recreation's trip to the Air Force Academy against Bemidji State hockey game Jan. 24; plus a day of skiing Jan. 25.

The vice wing commander, Col. Scott Phillips, will be dropping the puck

on the Friday night game.

The trip includes round-trip transportation to the Friday night hockey game and one day of skiing on Saturday at Buena Vista.

The trip departs outdoor recreation at 3 p.m. and arrives for check-in at the AmericInn and departs and arrives at

hockey game at 6:30 p.m. Skiing Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is for transportation, lodging, lift ticket, hockey ticket and ski rental – adults, \$140, couples, \$210, and children \$40.

For more details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.